

Stansfield Turner at Depauw

CIA's Use of Scholars Defended by Turner

In a recent address at Depauw University in Indiana, Stansfield Turner, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, defended his agency's past use of scholars' services and indicated that such contacts would continue.

Admiral Turner said it was unreasonable to take the view that a scholar working with the Central Intelligence Agency is necessarily bad. "I hope very much to reverse this trend," he added.

Referring to a recent case in which a Brooklyn College political scientist was denied tenure—reportedly at least in part because of his cooperation with the C.I.A.—Admiral Turner called such an attitude "very discouraging and very improper."

He also criticized universities that forbid associations between faculty members and the intelligence community. "If a university has a regulation that any external contact must be reported, clearly that's fine," the C.I.A. director said, "but there have been cases where they have singled out intelligence. I think that's discriminating against the individual's right to association and right to determine with whom he conducts his business."